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My dear Gray

The Acacia from Texas in your letter received this morning is new to me — It must belong to America for although the valves seem to show a slight disposition to articulation I observe in the ripe pod that the articles have not separated neatly and without laceration as they do in the two first sections of Adlumia — It is neither A. acanthocarpa nor brunnifera not only from the want of pubescence but (in the fragment you send at least) there are no infrastipulary aculei but the stipules themselves are spinescent — the prickles being

tabulate and nearly every one of being dilated at the base and patent or recurved. It does not either appear to be taken up by "Pastor Schenk"

I am very busy with the arrangement of my herbarium and as probably I shall not have any opportunity of giving away before you order next summer we may then find some things to suit you among my duplicates — In the mean time if I do go over there I will lay aside anything I think you may like to have —

The most remarkable Sandwich Island Plants we have are those in the British Museum many of which from the other Islands (not Owhyhee) are not in any other collection I know or almost all collectors have only explored Owhyhee and the plants of the different islands are often very different from each other

Nothing is come yet from Japan though I am in daily expectation of receiving the first package

About what time are you likely to cross the Atlantic?

Yours very sincerely

George Bentham